IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sylvette Maisonnier et al.

Application No.: 09/939,151

Filed: August 24, 2001

For: METHOD FOR PREPARING A LATEX WITH PHOTOCHROMIC PROPERTIES AND USES THEREOF, PARTICULARLY

IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: P. Tucker

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September 29, 2003

1. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 9, 2003 AND III. PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 (the Action) for the above-referenced case. Consideration of this case in view of the Response made below is requested.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

A Response to the Office Action begins on page 8 of this paper.

A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time begins on page 17 of this

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III. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three month to and including October 9, 2003, in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a three-month extension of time for a large entity status. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ESSR:052US.

Respectfully submitted,

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